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Dear

I was glad to receive your letter asking my assistance in determining the current status of your application for a commission as a Foreign Service Officer under authority of the War Manpower Act.

I have learned that the Board of Examiners in the Department of State has a screening committee which reviews all applications to determine whether the applicants are qualified under the terms of the Act to appear before the oral board. This committee meets irregularly, more or less on the basis of the accumulation of applications on file. Unfortunately your application was received immediately after a meeting of the screening committee. The current prospect is that the accumulation of applications will not justify snother meeting until some time in July at which time, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners has given assurance, your application will be reviewed and you will be notified as to whether in its opinion you are eligible to appear before the Board.

I shall be pleased to hear from you late in July or early in August as to what action has been taken in your case.

With best wishes for success. I am

Very truly yours.

HOYT S. VANDEMBERG Lieut, General, USA

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